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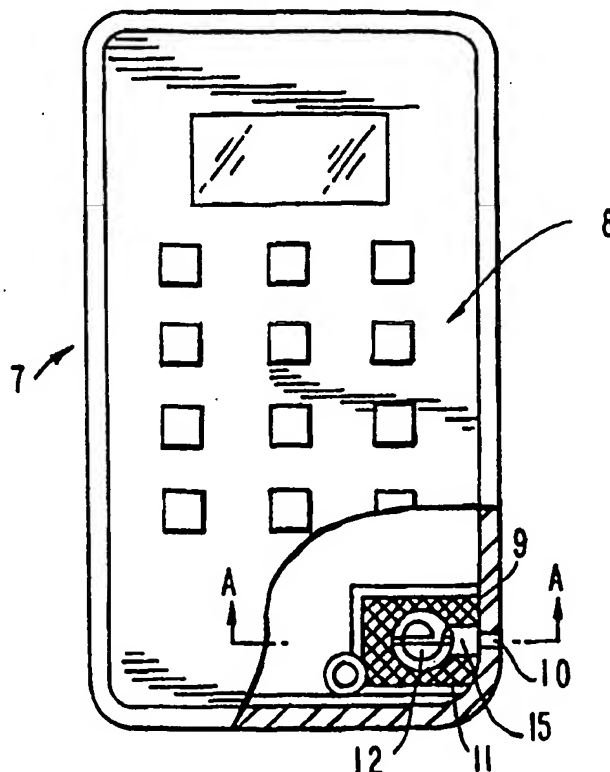
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(57) Abstract

A cellular telephone (8) for reducing background noise includes a housing having a receiver portion and a speaker portion. The receiver portion has a voice port (13) and a noise port (10). A microphone isolator (9) is located within the receiver portion and at least one noise cancelling microphone (12) has a front end and back end enclosed by the microphone isolator (9). A windscreen (14) is placed in front of the microphone internally behind the voice port (13). The telephone includes an acoustical port (15) which permits a pressure gradient noise porting, placed at the back end of the microphone and internally behind the noise port.



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**NOISE CANCELLING ACOUSTICAL IMPROVEMENT TO  
WIRELESS TELEPHONE OR CELLULAR PHONE**

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

This invention relates to a noise canceling  
5 wireless, e.g., cellular telephones and, more  
particularly, to a pressure gradient microphone located  
within a microphone isolator of a cellular phone for  
canceling or reducing background acoustic noise so that  
speech intelligibility is enhanced.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART**

As is to be appreciated, in numerous  
situations, the presence of background acoustic noise is  
undesirable in voice transmissions. As an example,  
consider the situation in which a cellular phone user is  
15 attempting to conduct a telephone conversation in a noisy  
environment. In this situation, loud acoustic background  
noise is received by a microphone in the cellular phone  
and converted to an electrical signal which is supplied  
to the telephone(s) of the person(s) having the  
20 conversation with the user and is converted thereat to an  
acoustic signal. This results in distorted sidetones.  
As a result, the person to whom the user is communicating  
constantly hears the loud background noise because of  
these sidetones. Further, when the person is speaking,  
25 such speech is combined with the background noise and, as  
such, may be difficult for the other person(s) to  
understand. As a result, the user often has to raise  
his/her voice and literally shout into the microphone of  
the cellular phone to be heard. Furthermore, the signal  
30 representing the background noise is also supplied from  
the microphone in the cellular phone to the sidetones in  
a cellular phone or telephone handset or the like. Thus,  
the sidetones are distorted due to the background noise,  
which distorts the acoustic signal, and then impairs  
35 speech intelligibility.

The conventional cellular phones, such as the  
Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular phone, do not reduce background

noise to improve performance of cellular phones or the like utilized in a noisy environment or the like.

Rather, the standard microphones utilized in such conventional phones are omnidirectional microphones.

- 5 These standard microphones accept background and audio signals and conveys an electrical signal, which is degraded by ambient noise. Furthermore, an omnidirectional microphone accepts signals in all directions, including ambient noise propagating in more  
10 than one direction which is transmitted as an input signal to the microphone together with the audio speech.

- Thus, the utilization of the omnidirectional microphone in the standard cellular phone does not  
15 prevent speech from being distorted in a noisy environment or when utilizing digital means to convey sound signal when using cellular phones. Support that the speech is distort when using omnidirectional microphones in cellular phones is shown in the  
20 comparative testing performed by Andrea Electronics Corporation of a conventional cellular phone and a phone of the present invention.

- For instance, a standard Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular phone uses a "Personal Communications System"  
25 (PCS) that digitally compresses speech into a narrower bandwidth by calibrating the speech through a CODEC algorithm. However, unwanted background noise is also processed with the speech through the CODEC algorithm, which in turns degrades the speech compressed algorithm.  
30 As shown by the Articulation Indexes, to be fully discussed below, only 5 correct words out of 100 are recognized by the tested Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular phone.

- Furthermore, the Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular  
35 phone is used in connection with computer software that samples speech at a narrower bit rate in a narrower bandwidth. It is desirable to cancel noise before it is

transmitted to the software sampling to prevent an inaccurate software voice sampling. The current voice sampling, which includes ambient noise, of a Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular phone interferes with the speech

5 transmission leading to a decrease in the speech enhancement or speech intelligibility performance.

Conventional omnidirectional microphones cannot simply be replaced with noise canceling microphones having pressure sensitive surfaces with a low gain to  
10 enhance noise canceling without typically having to replace the cellular phone with a new cellular phone. Simple replacement of the type of microphone does not solve the problem. Rather, as will be discussed in the present invention, the mechanical/acoustical arrangement  
15 of the microphone within the necessary input ports must take place so that noise cancellation occurs. This is because the mechanical/acoustical arrangement of the noise canceling microphone allows for sound equalization of the noise received from the noise port to achieve  
20 performance in the articulation indexes described herein, as such, would be relatively expensive. Thus, the prior art has failed to provide a relatively low-cost means for reducing background noise to an acceptable level for use with wireless telephones cellular phones or  
25 the like by mechanically/acoustically diffraction means, and a cost-effective means for enabling existing wireless telephones that use digital network to reduce background noise to an acceptable level.

#### OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

30 An object of the present invention is to provide an acoustical improvement to cellular phones which overcomes the problems associated with the prior art.

Specifically, it is an object of the present  
35 invention to provide a noise canceling cellular phone which reduces background noise by mechanical/acoustical

means thereby increasing the speech intelligibility for the speaker and listener.

More specifically, it is object of the present invention to provide noise canceling cellular phones as  
5   aforementioned which is relatively inexpensive.

It is still an object of the present invention to provide a relatively low-cost noise canceling acoustical improvement to existing cellular phones to enhance speech performance which is operable with  
10   standard battery operated power.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a relatively low-cost acoustical improvement to the manufacture of cellular phones or to be readily adaptable to existing cellular phones to provide a  
15   functioning noise canceling microphone that equalizes the noise received from the noise port with the noise received from the voice port to convey only the audio signal to the receiver portion or sidetones.

An aspect of this invention is to provide a  
20   cellular phone having a noise canceling microphone placed within a microphone isolator, which contains a noise port and voice port, an acoustical baffle placed internally behind the voice port, and a acoustical opening to permit pressure gradient noise porting so that the ambient noise  
25   is mechanically canceled from the noise received with the speech received. The cellular phone for reducing background noise comprising: a housing having a receiver portion and a speaker portion; the receiver portion having a voice port and a noise port; a microphone  
30   isolator located within the receiver portion; at least one noise canceling microphone having a front end and a back end enclosed by the microphone isolator; a windscreen placed in front of the microphone and internally behind the voice port; and an acoustical port  
35   to permit a pressure gradient noise porting placed at the back end of the microphone and internally behind the noise port. The preferred noise canceling microphone is

a pressure gradient microphone, but any unidirectional microphone having a low gain will enhance the noise cancellation performance.

Other objects, features and advantages

- 5 according to the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description of the illustrated embodiments when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which corresponding components are identified by the same reference numerals.

10 **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the wireless telephone with the top being partially removed to reveal a noise canceling acoustical improvement according to the present invention;

- 15 Fig. 2 is a partial side view of the noise canceling improvement of the cellular phone of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an active noise cancellation curve utilizing the noise canceling improvement of the present invention;

- 20 Fig. 4 is an active noise cancellation curve of a prior art cellular phone;

Fig. 5 is a frequency response curve of a noise canceling improvement of the present invention;

- Fig. 6 is a frequency response curve of an  
25 omnidirectional microphone of a prior art cellular phone;  
and

- Figs. 7A, 7B and 7C displays a prior art  
handset to reveal the loudness rating guard-ring and AEN  
(STANDARD TOLAR) positions within a standard telephone  
30 handset (according to the invention).

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

- Fig. 1 illustrates a wireless telephone or  
cellular phone 8 utilizing a noise canceling acoustical  
improvement in accordance with an embodiment of the  
35 present invention. As shown therein, the wireless  
telephone unit or cellular phone 8 having a speaker  
portion and receiver portion generally includes a

microphone isolator 9, a noise port 10, a voice port 13, dense foam 11, acoustical opening 15 that is sized and tuned for a desired frequency response, a windscreen 14, and a noise canceling microphone 12. The cellular phone 5 8 can be coupled to a telephone unit (not shown) by way of RF waves or can be battery operated. The wireless telephone or cellular phone 8 of the present invention mechanically diffracts the noise received from the noise port 10 with the noise received from the voice port 13 so 10 that the noise is canceled from the speech inputted into the voice port 13 from the user.

In Fig. 1, the microphone isolator 9 is illustrated within the receiver portion of the housing of the cellular phone 8. The isolator 9 can be comprised of 15 rubber, dense foam-like material, or another suitable damping material. This isolator 9 is internally beneath the acoustical port holes or in close proximity to the voice port 13 of the cellular phone 8. The noise canceling microphone 12 of the present invention is 20 preferably a pressure gradient microphone available from Panasonic or Primo. Alternatively, a unidirectional microphone that has a FET with a low gain having low sensitivity to be more effective for active noise cancellation. These low sensitive microphone with low 25 gain that accept near field responses can be utilized in the present invention.

The pressure sensitive microphone 12 has a front end and a back end having pressure sensitive surfaces with holes or openings on each surface. These 30 holes permit sound to enter from the back of this microphone as well as the front of this microphone. The pressure gradient microphone responds to a difference in pressure. Therefore, to have effective noise cancellation with a pressure gradient microphone the 35 sound pressure of the background noise must arrive simultaneously or at approximately the same time with the



sound pressure from the background noise and audio signal received from the voice port.

When the pressure sensitive microphone is placed in the cellular phone 8 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the microphone isolator and ports must be so arranged so that the noise entering from the back of the microphone from the noise port and the noise and speech entering from the voice port equalize or cancel out the noise portion of the signal.

As stated, the preferred pressure gradient microphone 12 responds to the difference in pressure at two closely spaced ports, the voice port 13 and the noise port 10. When used in an environment where the pressure gradient of the background noise is isotropic, the electrical signal produced by the pressure-gradient microphone due to such background noise is effectively zero. Since the two opposite sides of a pressure-gradient microphone respond to acoustic pressure, as previously mentioned, the microphone isolator 9 is created or modified so as to enable these two sides of the microphone to respond simultaneously with the acoustic pressure.

Therefore, the noise that enters from the noise port reaches the pressure gradient microphone and reaches the noise that enters with the speech from the voice port and by acoustical/mechanical means cancels the background noise and increases speech intelligibility.

To achieve the optimal performance of the noise canceling microphone 12 located in the cellular phone 8, the microphone isolator 9 is milled at the perimeter to a width to achieve the desired noise cancellation curves shown in Figs. 3 and 5 and the articulation indexes of sound to noise ratio as shown in the data in Tables 1 and 3. The preferred width of the perimeter of the microphone isolator 9 is 1/10th or 0.1 of an inch. The width of the isolator must allow for pressure gradient noise porting or noise flow through from the noise port

10 to reach the pressure gradient microphone surface to  
cancel out with the noise flow received together with  
speech from the voice port, which provides for the  
desired frequency responses shown in Figs. 3 and 5. The  
5 acoustical modification 15 permits pressure gradient  
noise porting so that the noise is  
mechanically/acoustically canceled for the audio signal  
input to the microphone shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In addition, the sides of the microphone  
10 isolator are sized to a dimension, preferably at a 45  
degree angle, to fit properly within the receiver portion  
of the cellular phone 8 so that optimum microphone  
coupling is achieved as shown in Figs. 3 and 5 and the  
articulation index of sound to noise ratio as set forth  
15 in Tables 1 and 3.

A windscreen 14 is comprised of dense foam-like  
material, preferably 100 ppi plosive windscreen, inserted  
internally behind the voice port 13 of the cellular phone  
8 in Fig. 2. The purpose of the windscreen 13 is to  
20 enhance or attenuate the wind noise, spitiness, or other  
ambient noises that exist when utilizing the cellular  
phone in a noisy atmosphere or outdoors. The windscreen  
14 acts as a structural baffle that may be comprised of a  
structural member adapted to provide an acoustical  
25 separation between the microphone and voice port.  
Alternatively, an acoustical baffling arrangement could  
be utilized in place of a structural member. Thus,  
acoustic distortions are minimized.

The two lead wires (not shown) of the noise  
30 canceling microphone 12 were connected to the circuitry  
contained on the circuit board assembly (not shown) that  
consist of amplifiers to amplify the electrical signal  
before being transmitted to speech that reaches the  
listener's ears. Such circuits enable calibration  
35 processing to be performed on the noise canceling  
microphone, which is preferably a pressure gradient  
microphone. However, any unidirectional microphone that

has a low FET gain and low sensitivity can be utilized in the present invention. Further, such circuits may be included on a printed circuit (pc) board which may be installed within the cellular phone. The circuit board  
5 may contain additional circuit elements for processing the signals received from the noise canceling microphone and for amplifying signals for supply to the speaker as described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/339,126 filed November 14, 1994 (PCT No. US95/14756  
10 filed November 14, 1995) and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/485,047 filed June 7, 1995, both applications which are incorporated herein.

The wires must be oriented and preferably placed so as not to cover or adversely affect the flow of  
15 sound conveyed through the voice port 13 and noise port 10 of conventional cellular phones. The lead wires must not interrupt the flow of noise that is received from the ports, which is eventually canceled from the audio signal. The procedure to install at least one noise  
20 canceling microphone 12 in a cellular phone requires that the soldering be preferably a non-flux soldering. Non-flux soldering prevents future resin contamination of the noise canceling microphone. Conventional flux based soldering material would interfere with the proper  
25 functioning of a noise canceling microphone rendering it inoperative.

Although the above embodiment has been described as having only one microphone 12, which mechanically cancels out the noise from the arrangement  
30 of the pressure sensitive surfaces of the noise canceling microphone with regards to the input ports, the invention is not so limited and any number of microphones may be utilized. For example, the digital means of canceling noise by utilizing two or more microphones can  
35 also be used provided there is adequate space. The present invention can be utilized with at least two noise canceling microphones in a cellular phone that is in a

clamp shell design (similar to the operation of a lap-top computer), or with a NOKIA 9000-GSM phone. The NOKIA phone can be opened for viewing the LCD terminal inside, or to log onto the Internet terminal, to log onto the terminal, for accessing E-mails, and for other multimedia access. When the NOKIA phone is closed, the phone is used for talking, like the Qualcomm QCP-800. Because of the additional external layers, an acoustical baffle or windscreen cannot be utilized to insure noise is canceled by sound equalization. In that embodiment, two noise canceling microphones or electret microphones can be used to digital cancel noise by the acoustical arrangement of the microphones. The utilization of two or more noise canceling microphones is fully described in U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 08/339,126 (PCT No. US95/14756) and 08/485,047, which have a common assignee with the present application, and which is hereby incorporated by reference; however, such subject matter is not believed necessary to the understanding of the present invention.

20 In that alternative embodiment using a NOKIA 9000-GSM, acoustic signals composed of speech or the like and background noise are supplied to a first microphone located on the top layer of the shell design or the portion that flips up vertically, and converted therein into a corresponding electrical signal which is thereafter supplied to the plus terminal of the op-amp. The background noise is supplied to the second microphone located in the bottom layer or stationary portion of the cellular phone and converted therein into a corresponding electrical signal which is thereafter supplied to the minus terminal of the op-amp. The op-amp is adapted to subtract the noise signal from the second microphone from the speech and noise signal from the first microphone and to supply therefrom an electrical signal representing substantially the speech to the cellular phone whereupon the speech signal is transmitted therefrom through RF waves to the receiving

party. The top cover 7 is attached to the cellular phone 8 by use of adhesives or the like or alternatively may be sonically welded together.

In this same alternative embodiment, a receiver  
5 portion or the flip portion (not shown) may be configured which includes one or more microphones operating as a first microphone (not shown) and one or more microphones operating as a second microphone (not shown). In this configuration, when using multiple microphones for the  
10 first and/or second microphones, respective variable current limiting resistors are preferably provided for all but one microphone for the first microphone and for all microphones for the second microphone.

Thus, the outputs from the first and second  
15 microphones, respectively, would comprise a weighted sum of several such microphone output voltages. The current limiting resistors are preferably set to respective values so as to minimize some functional of the difference of the first and second microphones,  
20 respectively. The criterion for selecting the values of the current limiting resistor or equivalently the weighing function of each microphone could be selected according to any well known gradient search algorithm, so as to minimize the functional.

25 As is to be appreciated, by using the above-described devices and materials for acoustically improving the receiver portion of the conventional cellular phones, the cost for constructing such receiver portion is relatively low. Further, the power  
30 consumption of the receiver portion is kept relatively low. As a result, the receiver portion may be powered by the standard power available in a battery chargeable cellular phone and, as such, does not require additional power or transformers or the like. Furthermore, although  
35 the receiver portion (not shown) has been described for assembly with existing cellular phones, such receiver portion, or a slight variation thereof, may be installed

in new cellular phones to be manufactured, like Qualcomm Original QCP-800.

Upon activating the cellular phone 8, e.g., by transmitting the password of the user and entering and  
5 sending a telephone number, a signal from the noise canceling microphone 12 is supplied through circuitry, preferably a resistor and a capacitor coupled to an operational amp and then outputted as a resulting signal.

10 The high frequency signals, such as those over 3.7 kHz, are then removed from the amplified output signal as well as any dc signals that may be present and the resulting signal is supplied to a speaker so as to be converted thereat into an acoustic signal.

15 By so arranging a noise canceling microphones, a sound (in particular a background noise) originating from two different sources enable the sound to be mechanically as well as acoustically canceled before transferred to the sidetones to the ear of a receiving  
20 party. The physical design of the microphone as seen in Figs. 1 and 2 is the determining factor in the S/N increase. Examination of these drawings shows that the location of the microphone pressure sensitive surface provides the optimum separation of the signal going to  
25 the voice microphone and noise ports in the near field. This separation is a primary component in the determination of the signal in the S/N ratio.

Figs. 3 and 4 are active noise cancellation curves of with and without the noise canceling acoustical  
30 embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 3, top line, representing near field response and the bottom line, representing far field response conducted at the facilities of Andrea Electronics Corporation. This curve in Fig. 3 with the  
35 noise canceling arrangement as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 shows the noise canceling performance at close speaking range. For instance, at 100 Hz, background noise of

almost 30dB was canceled with the embodiment of the present invention. However, at far speaking range the pressure gradient microphone of the present invention had no real effect in canceling noise. For instance, at  
5 10kHz, there was only about a 1 dB change with using a noise canceling microphone.

However, in Fig. 4, with is representative of the prior art, the top line representing the near field responses. This curve in Fig. 4 clearly shows almost no  
10 differential in utilizing an omnidirectional microphone for noise cancellation in the far and near field response, which has no effect on speech intelligibility.

In Figs. 5 and 6, frequency responses curves are represented for the noise canceling microphone and  
15 for the standard (prior art) omnidirectional microphone. In Fig. 5, the horizontal axis represents the frequency response of a pressure gradient microphone utilized in a Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular phone over a decibel range represented by the vertical axis conducted at the  
20 facilities of Andrea Electronic Corporation. This curve in Fig. 5 when compared to Fig. 6 represents no change in the frequency response of a noise canceling microphone as compared to a non-noise canceling microphone. That is, no sacrifice in frequency response is reported with using  
25 a noise canceling microphone having pressure sensitive surfaces. Fig. 6 is representative of the frequency response of a standard microphone utilized in the prior art. The only change appears to be less than a 1dB at 1kHz, which trivial change in overall frequency  
30 performance.

Using interpretation of speech intelligibility AI and ANSI S3.5-1969, a redesigned Andrea Audio for QCP-800 System of the present invention and a standard (prior art) microphone utilized in a conventional Qualcomm Audio  
35 System (QCP-800) were tested and the results were as follows:

**TABLE 1:****ARTICULATION INDEX:  
INVENTIVE BOOM MICROPHONE**

5	1/3 Octave Band Center Freq. (Hz)	S/N (Db) [NPR-FPR]	Weight Factor (BW Corrected)	Articulation (1) Weight (W)
	200	22	0.00046	0.01012
10	250	23	0.0012	0.0276
	315	17	0.0012	0.0204
	400	14	0.0016	0.0224
	500	12	0.0016	0.0192
15	630	10	0.0023	0.023
	800	09	0.0023	0.0207
	1000	08	0.0028	0.0224
	1250	07	0.0035	0.0245
20	1600	05	0.0043	0.0215
	2000	04	0.0044	0.0176
	2500	03	0.0039	0.0117
	3150	0.5	0.0039	0.00195

0.24307



**TABLE 2:**

**ARTICULATION INDEX:  
STANDARD (PRIOR ART) MICROPHONE  
(Original Qualcomm Audio System)**

5	1/3 Octave Band Center Freq. (Hz)	S/N (Db) [NPR-FPR]	Weight Factor (BW Corrected)	Articulation (1) Weight (W)
	200	0	0.00046	0
	250	2	0.0012	0.0024
10	315	2	0.0012	0.0024
	400	1	0.0016	0.0016
	500	1	0.0016	0.0016
	630	3	0.0023	0.0069
	800	5	0.0023	0.0115
15	1000	1	0.0023	0.0028
	1250	1	0.0035	0.0035
	1600	2	0.0043	0.0086
	2000	0	0.0044	0
	2500	0	0.0039	0
20	3150	0	0.0039	0

0.0413

The following table performs a matching articulation indexes between the present invention and the prior art Qualcomm cellular phone to determine the overall percentage of syllables, words, or sentences understood correctly by utilizing the acoustical improvement of the present invention in a Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular phone:

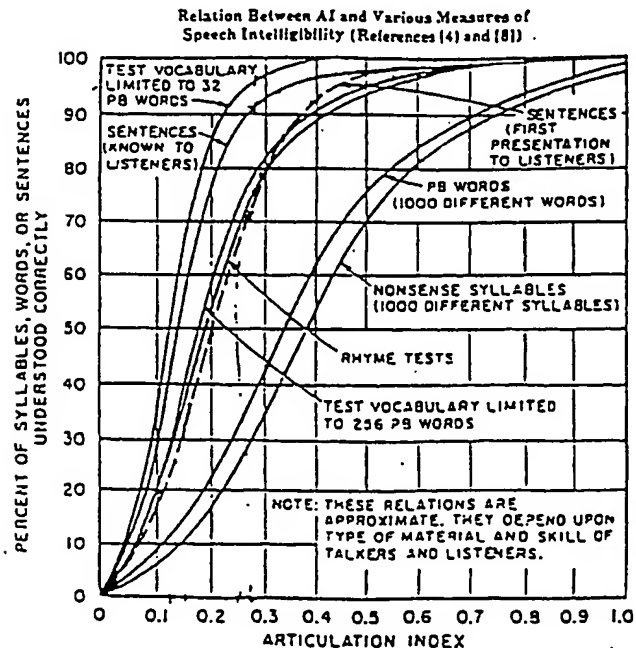
Andrea Electronics  
Modified QCP-800  
Articulation Index

Qualcomm  
Original QCP-800  
Articulation Index

0.24307

0.0413

Matching articulation indexes to corresponding broken line(*first presentation to listeners*) correlates to 75 words recognized with Andrea modification vs 5 words recognized via Qualcomm original QCP-800 phone



Interpretation of speech intelligibility using AI and ANSI S3.5-1969 shows an accuracy level of approximately 70% using a 0.24307 articulation index for the present invention versus an accuracy level of approximately only 15% using a 0.0413 articulation index for the standard omnidirectional microphone in a conventional Qualcomm original QCP-800 cellular phone. A comparison of this data reflects a reduction in error ratio by the present invention (i.e., AI (15%) standard microphone, noise canceling AI (70%) by present invention). Furthermore, additional AI is expected when constants are corrected to be active down to 50 cycles and below. Literal evaluation of the AI calculation states that for every 100 words spoken, the present invention will produce 75 correct words or 25 errors, and prior art standard microphones will produce 5 correct words or commit 95 errors. All data and calculations were collected and performed at Andrea Electronics Corporation. Both microphone systems were tested at Andrea Electronics Corporation under the same conditions.

Figs 7A, 7B and 7C illustrate the certain positioning of the microphones with regard to an artificial mouth 40 or the loudness rating guard-ring and AEN positions. The tests run at Andrea Electronics Corporation and test results tabulated in Tables 1-3 and in Figures 3-6 were conducted at the AEN positions so that TOLAR responses met the conventional standards. The TOLAR responses achieved during the physical testing of the Qualcomm QCP-800 cellular phone met the physical spacing requirements shown in Figs. 7A-7C. Fig. 7B illustrates the rotation of the handset about the XX axis. Fig. 7C illustrates the rotation of the handset about the YY axis.

In Fig. 7A, where the center line of the X axis intersects with the center line of the Y axis is the centerline of the earpiece or the ear reference point 41.

The axis of the artificial mouth is designated by 43,  
while the plane of the ear cap and ear is 42.

Furthermore, although preferred embodiments of  
the present invention and modifications thereof have been  
5 described in detail herein, it is to be understood that  
this invention is not limited to those precise  
embodiments and modifications, and that other  
modifications and variations may be affected by one  
skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and  
10 scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cellular telephone for reducing background noise comprising:
  - a housing having a receiver portion and a speaker portion;
  - the receiver portion having a voice port and a noise port;
  - a microphone isolator located within the receiver portion;
  - at least one noise canceling microphone having a front end and a back end enclosed by the microphone isolator;
  - an windscreen placed in front of the microphone and internally behind the voice port; and
  - an acoustical port to permit a pressure gradient noise porting placed at the back end of the microphone and internally behind the noise port.
2. The cellular telephone of claim 1, wherein the at least one noise canceling microphone is a pressure gradient microphone.

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FIG. 1

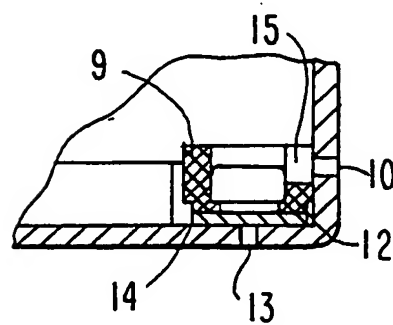
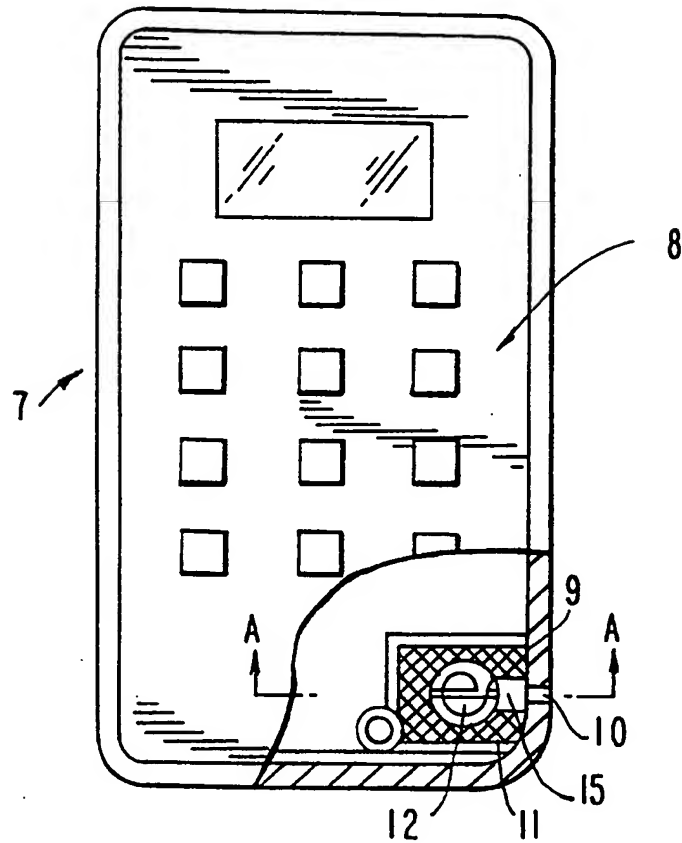
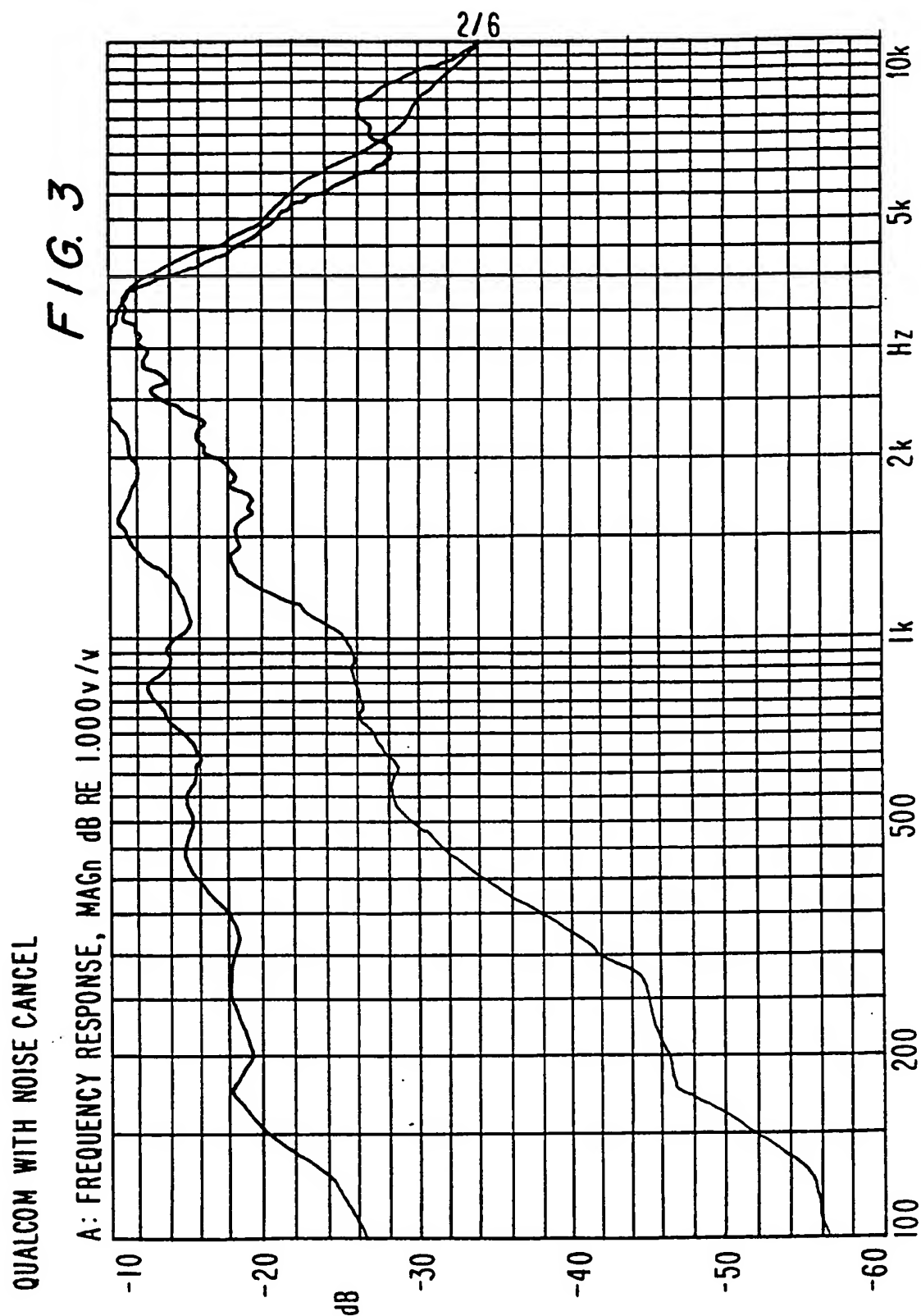


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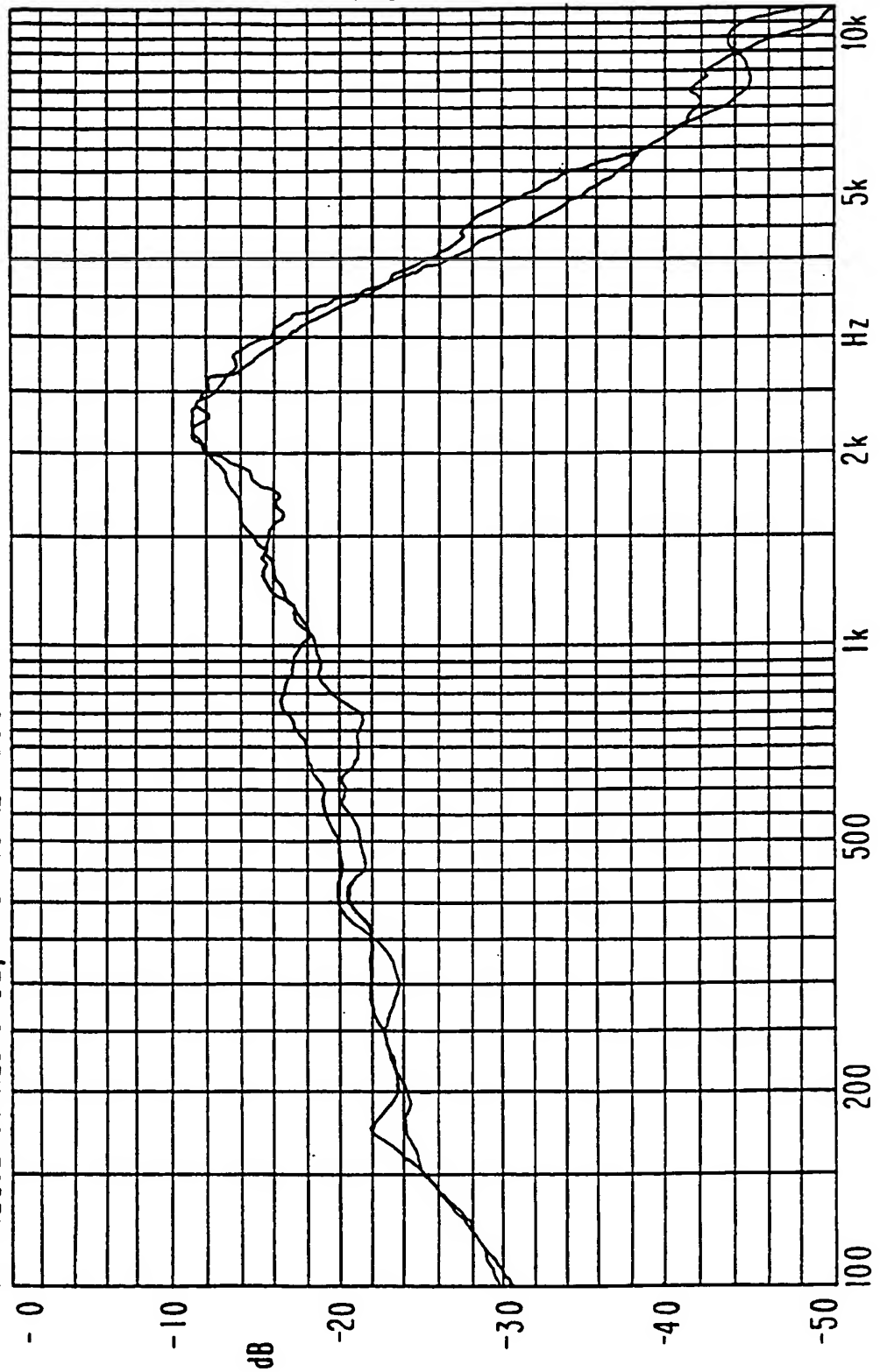


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QUALCOM ORIGINAL MIC:

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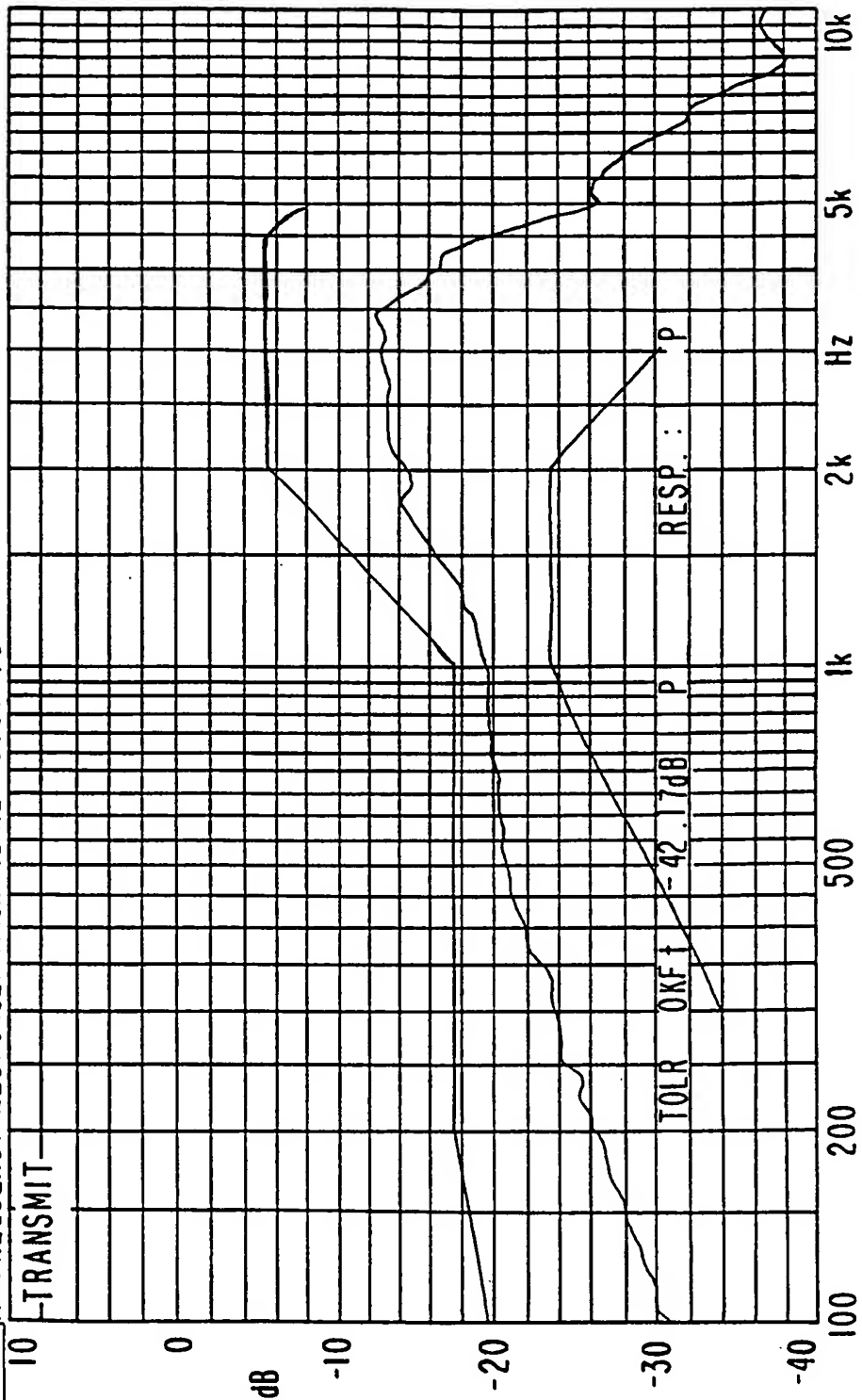
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QUALCOM WITH NOISECANCEL. LRGP  
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 P A: FREQUENCY RESPONSE. MAGn dB RE 1.000V/P<sub>0</sub>  
 FIG. 5

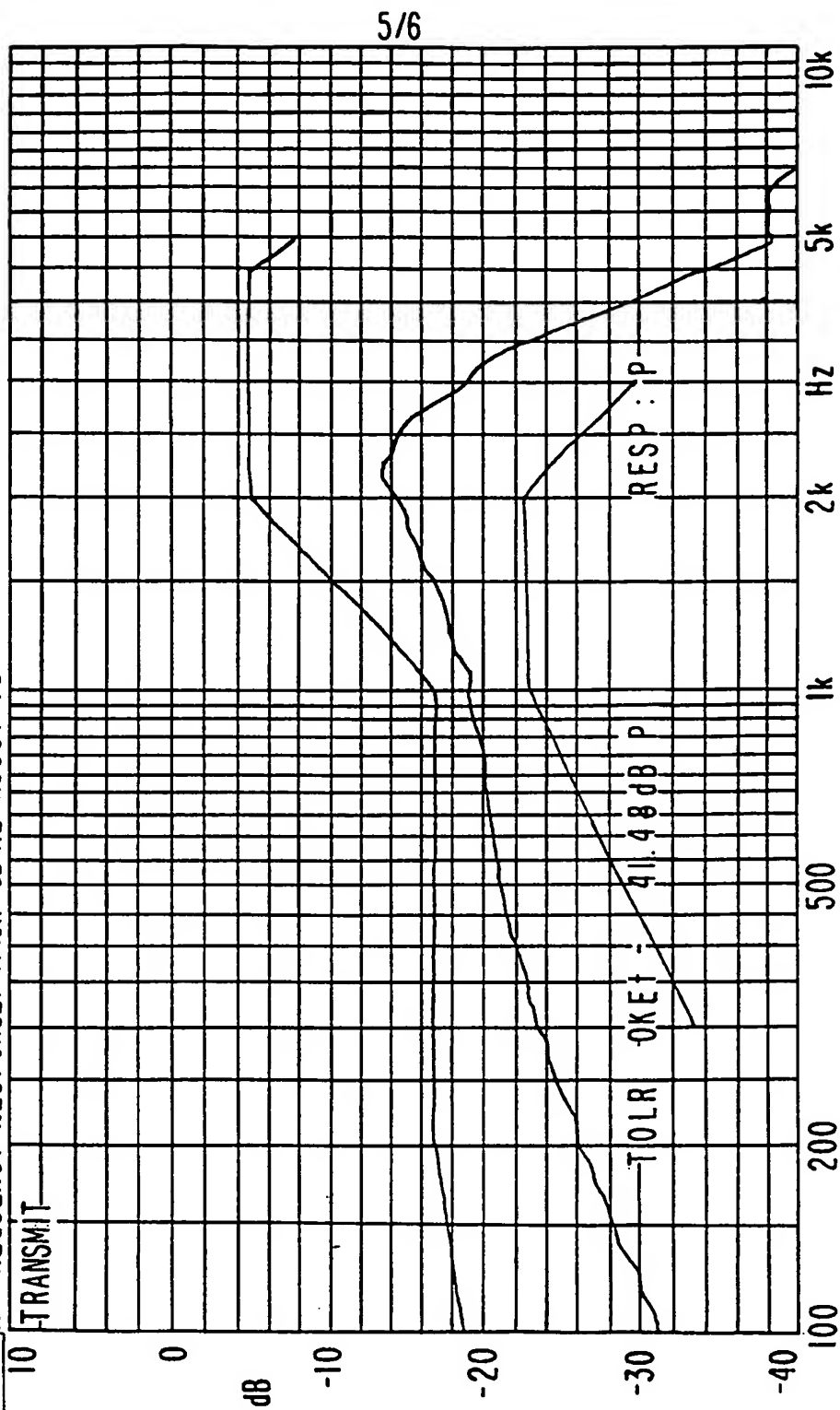


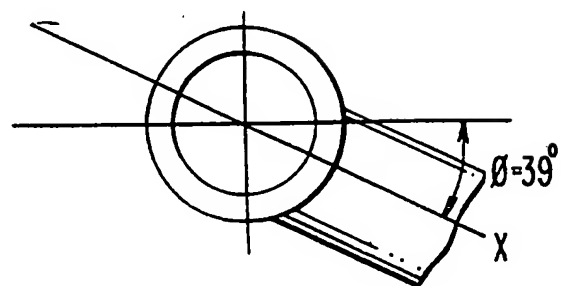
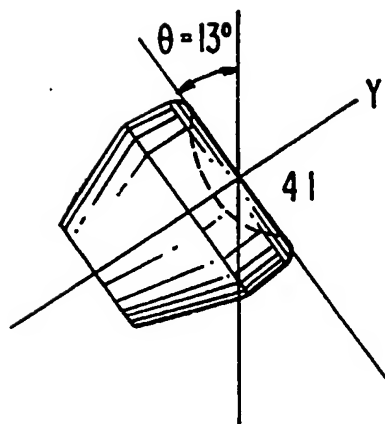
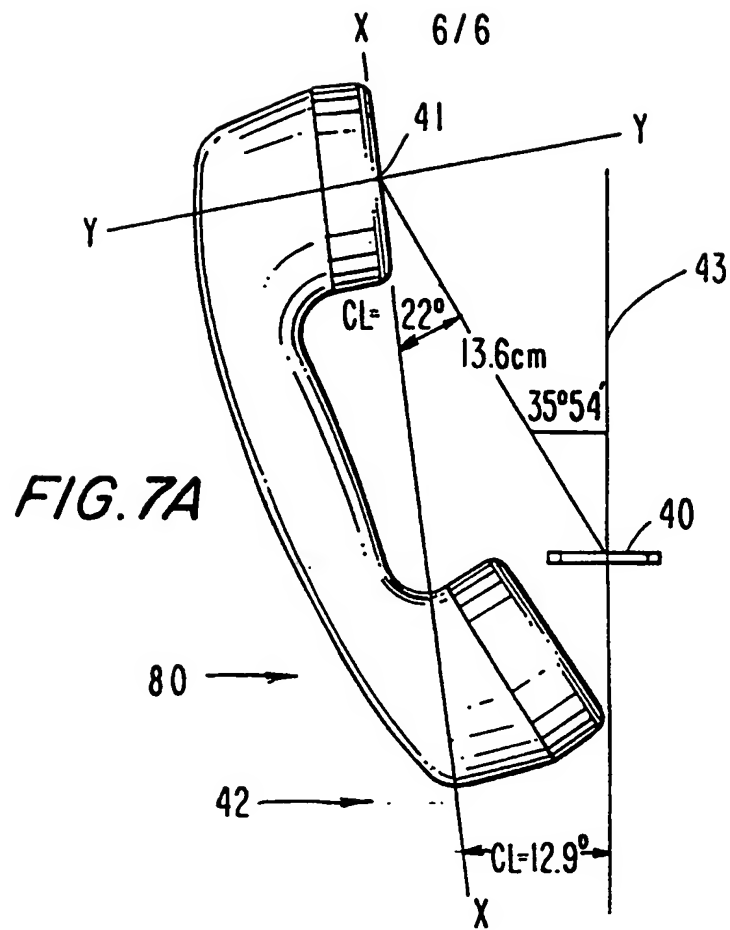
QUALCOMM ORIGINAL LRGP

V8uf: [P] RESP.: :2.00dB

A: FREQUENCY RESPONSE. MAGn dB RE 1.000V/Pa

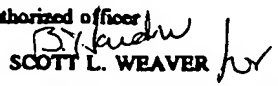
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